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SUPEROOS!

We're on the road to Seoul

IN one of their finest performances ever, the magnificent Socceroos planted their feet firmly on the road to Seoul, in Melbourne, on Sunday

The 2-0 defeat of Israel, our best yet, left New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon looking a very worried man as he pondered how to cope with

By LES SHORROCK

Frank Arok's determined band.

Of course Soccer Star's unrivalled team of writers and photographers was there to cover the Olympic qualifiers. You'll find their comments and pictures on pages 2, 10 and 11.



Man-of-the-match Paul Wade harasses Ronnie Rosental the Israeli flying winger at Olympic Park on Sunday.

McLeod blasts plastic pitch

SPRINGVALE coach Gus MacLeod was a very angry man after his team had played Caulfield City on the synthetic No.2 pitch at Olympic Park on Saturday.

The normally genial Gus should have been happy too, because his team got away with a point that it hardly deserved.

But it wasn't the result that disturbed him, it was the fact that the game was played there at all.

"We moved heaven and earth to get Springvale Council to ready our ground for March 1," he said, "and when we knew that Caulfield was having pitch problems, we offered to reverse the fixtures."

"But Caulfield refused, saying that they had already paid Olympic Park a deposit. We even offered to refund the deposit, but they wouldn't be in it."

"I told my players that the result didn't matter, as far as I'm concerned, the season starts next week."

"The whole afternoon was farce, it was a bigger circus than a Marx Brothers film."

"For a start, the referee for the senior game took one look at the pitch and said 'I'm not playing on that', and I didn't blame him. There were more more lines on the pitch



● Gus MacLeod

than there are in a crossword puzzle. "So they sent for the groundsman, and he whited out some of the yellow hockey markings, and also marked in the penalty spot that they hadn't thought fit to provide."

"When the game started, we found that we had to sit on a row of chairs

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Ringwood City's back in the big time, Page 9

We weren't cheated this time

Australia at its best

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

SOCCER may not have been played in this country for 200 years but how appropriate that the national team should choose a Sunday evening in Melbourne in 1988 to celebrate one of its finest moments.

Yes, \$18 to get into the Olympic Park grandstand was exorbitant. Yes, Moomba was on and it was a nightmare trying to find a parking space. Yes, we've all paid big money before to watch the Socceroos and gone home feeling cheated.

No, that didn't happen this time. I've never seen Australia play better. I've never got so excited when Australia attacked and never again will I let anyone tell me that there's not room in a Socceroo side for both Oscar Crino and Micky Petersen.

The Australian mid-

field of Crino, Petersen and man-of-the-match Paul Wade was absolutely scintillating. It conjured up some deft touches and threatened to weave a spell around the Israelis that would take many years to break.

How refreshing it was, how tingling a sensation it provided, to watch Australia actually holding possession, actually stringing together series of passes and playing the type of soccer that would break down the resistance of the most hardened cynic.

The contest hung on a razor's edge right up to the 91st minute and finally swung Australia's way when Farina scored a magnificent goal to

make it 2-0 and ease fears of an Israeli comeback.

Israeli had Australia reeling after just four minutes. Jeff Oliver had little time to move as Uri Malmilian's free kick cannoned off the bar. Within three minutes Crino found himself in the clear on the left of the Israeli area only to misdirect his shot from 10 metres.

In the 18th minute, it was the Israelis' turn to wait and hope as a Crino shot swerved onto the far post and bounced safely away.

Israeli bundled the ball over the goal line and claimed a goal in the 20th minute but Chilean referee Silva Farina scored a magnificent goal to

fringement against Oliver and awarded a free kick to Australia.

The best chance of the game was created in the 38th minute. It started with Petersen showing off his great close ball control. He cut inside an opponent near the halfway line and played the ball square to Wade whose quick pass wide to Farina on the left sent the quicksilver winger on his way.

Israel's world class goalkeeper Ben-Zion Ginsburg, soon to join English giant Arsenal, charged off his line and superbly parried Farina's shot.

Ginsburg again showed his undoubted class seven minutes into the second half when he flung himself at full stretch to acrobatically stop a stunningly executed curling free kick from Crino wide of the post.

In the 60th minute Farina was brought down by Avraham Cohen but no penalty was given.

Frank Arok was up off the bench, arms flailing and tongue wagging and from where I sat his anger look justified.

But Arok was wearing a giant grin 10 minutes later. Farina slipped past Nir Klinger on the right of the Israeli area and was pushed to the ground. Referee Silva Arci finally pointed to the penalty spot.

Up strolled Australian captain Charlie Yankos and although Ginsburg guessed correctly, throwing himself to his left, the well struck penalty found its mark, nestling snugly in the back of the net as Australian fans in the outer joined the national team bench in celebration.

Ronnie Rosental, the FC Brugge winger who would seriously threaten any Stawell Gift aspirant, hammered a left foot shot toward goal in the 74th minute. Fortunately for Australia Wally Savor was in the way and the ball cannoned off his foot.

A well timed John

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Israel's Ronnie Rosental (left) is chased by Socceroo defender Alan Davidson.

ALL THE DETAILS

AUSTRALIA R Yankos penalty 70th, Farina 91st
ISRAEL 0, Olympic Games qualifying game at Olympic Park, Sunday night. Crowd: About 7,500 (double header). Referee: Silva Arci (Chile) 0. Caution: Iwanir (Israel). AUSTRALIA: Oliver 8 — Savor 7, McDowall 7, Yankos 8, Davidson 7 — Wade 9, Crino 8, Petersen 8 — Kosmina 7, Arnold 6, Farina 9.
ISRAEL: Ginsburg 9 — Avraham Cohen 7, Avi Cohen 8, Shimonov 8, Klinger 7 — Brilovsky 8, Eliazhi Cohen 7, Alon 7, Malmilian 7 (Iwanir 65th) — Drieka 7, Rosental 8.

NEW ZEALAND 1 (Barkley 86th) CHINESE TAIPEI 0, Olympic Games qualifying game at Olympic Park, Sunday night. Crowd: About 7,500 (double header). Referee: Takada (Japan) 8.

NEW ZEALAND: Gosling 7 — Mulligan 7, Ironside 7, Herbert 7, Cole 7 — McGarry 8, Halligan 8, Turner 7, Edge 6 — De Jong 7 (Nixon 64th), Walker 6 (Barkley 85th). CHINESE TAIPEI: Huan 9 — Lin 7, Chou 8, Lin 8, Hor 7 — Chou-Sin Wu (Miao 58th), Kuo-Ming Wu 8, Pan 7, Ku 6 — Chen 6, Chien 6.

REMAINING GAMES: Wednesday, March 9 (last night). ADELAIDE: New Zealand v. Israel (referee Saddle from Northern Ireland); Australia v. Chinese Taipei (referee Takada from Japan). Sunday, March 13

SYDNEY: Israel v. Chinese Taipei (referee Snodde); Australia v. New Zealand (referee Silva Arci from Chile). Sunday, March 20

CHRISTCHURCH: Australia v. Israel (referee Sados from Switzerland); New Zealand v. Chinese Taipei (referee Syme from Scotland).

WELLINGTON: Israel v. Chinese Taipei (referee Morera from Costa Rica); New Zealand v. Australia (referee Sados).

Sunday, March 27 AUCKLAND: New Zealand v. Israel (referee Syme); Australia v. Chinese Taipei (referee Morera).

Kiwis should Toast Noel

By Craig MacKenzie

SUBSTITUTE Noel Barkley should be the toast of New Zealand. He avoided what would have been a calamity of earth-movng proportions by breaking the deadlock in the Kiwis' clash with

Chinese Taipei in the first round of the Olympic Games qualifying series in Melbourne last Sunday night.

It took 86 minutes for the brave men of Chinese Taipei to lower

their colors.

In the process the credibility of New Zealand's claim for a place in Seoul later this year was severely dented.

Sure, for the most part Chinese Taipei found itself pinned inside its defensive half but the final analysis is was just four minutes away from what would have been, for this soccer minnow, a glorious moment indeed.

The match opened though, as if New Zealand would run up a huge winning margin.

Within 30 seconds, a Michael McGarry shot had slammed against the Chinese Taipei bar. Declan Edge pounced on the rebound and shot firmly. Chinese Taipei goalkeeper Kuo-Feng Huang parried but needed the help of defender Jyh-Min Hor to clear off the line.

Fred De Jong headed over in the sixth minute following a superb cross by Colin Walker as the Kiwis continued their bombardment.

In the 25th minute, Huang parried a firm McGarry shot on the turn seven minutes later looked certain to be beaten when Grant Turner shot from just 10 metres out.

But Huang covered himself in glory by palming the ball clear. Turner had a second go only to find little Chih-Hung Lin heading off the line.

Three minutes into the second half Chinese Taipei had its first shot at the New Zealand goal and in the 60th minute won its first corner.

The crowd roared its approval whenever Chinese Taipei came forward and when sub-

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D-DAY FOR PRESTON

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Will it be this week — finally?

Will Preston Makedonia score its first goal in the National League?

Will Saso Petkovski score it and send the fans into raptures?

Or will coach Ernie Merrick be shown the door?

Merrick has been tearing at his hair in frustration watching and hoping these past five or six weeks.

On Sunday at Connor Reserve, against Footscray JUST, Merrick and his men will be virtually on their last chance as far as the fans are concerned.

Life, as they say, was not meant to be easy, but soccer fans can make it sheer hell if you don't come up with the goods.

At last count, there had been 125 coaching appointments among the member clubs since the NSL was formed in 1977. Those who bite the dust this year will be in good company.

While Makedonia prays for goals, Brunswick Juventus has been ringing Rent-a-crowd.

It was the worst-supported team in the NSL last season and things don't look much better in 1988. At its home match against JUST in round two, Juventus accounted for less than a quarter of the total crowd. The rest were JUST supporters.

Fans and players alike have complained to me about the way the team is playing and I wouldn't be surprised if Juventus is among the first clubs to make coaching changes.

Juventus had the worst disciplinary record in the NSL in 1987 and in the first four rounds of 1988, Peter Lewis, Brian Brown, and Mike Petersen were all suspended.

Melbourne's Italian community is almost as big as the Greek community.

While Hellas has increased its attendances dramatically with a new approach that puts the emphasis on entertainment, the Italian fans have been staying at home.

As things stand, the Juventus team provides wages for those on the payroll and lots of hard work for those behind the scenes, who man the bar, make the hot dogs and salami sandwiches, mark the ground, look after the gear and raise the money.

There should be much more to it than that.

Juventus should be the pride of the Italian community but unless some serious effort is put into promoting the team to the people, it may as well shift to one of the hockey pitches next to Albert Park Lake, to cut down its overheads.

I remember the great Juventus of old — the Juventus of the sixties and especially the Juventus of 1970-71, coached by genial Tony Boggi and featuring consummate entertainers in Dino DeMarchi, Tommy McColl, Ron Frost, Gareth Salisbury, Jack

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Ernie Merrick Will he be shown the door?

Goodwin and those galloping centre-backs George Kinnell and Sandy Irvine whose withering bursts into attack were among the highlights of every match.

Juventus was the unofficial Australian champion in 1970, as it beat Sydney's top team, Yugal, in a challenge match at Olympic Park.

The Italian community, I am sure, is capable of emulating those glory days with the right approach from all concerned.

GEORGE CROSS'S GREATEST GLORY

WHILE on nostalgia, and with George Cross about to take on Hellas in the weekend's top NSL match, let's give George fans a treat by reliving the club's finest hour — its 1964 Australia Cup triumph.

The Australia Cup was contested by the top teams of the various states and served as the national championship.

The Cross was strengthened early that year by British imports McDaid, McPherson, Brown and Goldie and its final against Sydney glamor team APIA attracted 15,000 to Olympic Park on November 1.

Clubs in every State had to play off for Australia Cup participation.

In Melbourne, Juventus eliminated its namesake from the ACT 2-1 but then lost to George Cross 0-2, while JUST eliminated Hellas 2-0.

In Sydney, Prague defeated Lake Macquarie

3-0 before losing 2-6 to APIA, while St George Budapest beat South Coast United 3-0.

And so to the quarter-finals. George Cross's record from this stage: George Cross 2 (Campbell, Hodgson), North Perth 0.

George Cross: Hobson; Sacco, McDaid; Brown, Adams, McPherson; Campbell, Goldie, Hodgson, Petersen, Copeland.

North Perth: Meek; McArdle, Nobbs; Baird, Simpson, Dale; McKay, Napier, Ireson, Mayle, Millar.

SEMI-FINALS:

George Cross 2 (Cope-la, 1, Hodgson) Footscray JUST 1 (Blue).

George Cross: Hobson; Sacco, McDaid; Brown, Adams, McPherson; Campbell, Goldie, Hodgson, Petersen, Copeland.

JUST: Fode; Stubbe, van der Poel; Dixon, Rice, Micic; Pegovic, Mladenovic, Blue, Piki, Stankovic.

FINAL:

George Cross 3 (Campbell, Bottalico own goal, Ackerley own goal) APIA 2 (Falconer, Jaros).

George Cross: Hobson; Sacco, McDaid; Brown, Adams, R. McPherson; Campbell, Goldie, Hodgson, Petersen, Copeland.

APIA: Iglesias; van Blerk, Ackerley; Hughes, Murau, Bottalico; Wong, Falconer, Giacometti, Watkiss, Jaros.

George Cross was coached by Manny Poulakakis. Note that its

Will Saso score? Will Merrick go?

team included Hans Petersen, father of Mick Petersen, now playing with Brunswick-Juventus and the Socceroos.

Back to Makedonia. The return of Ron Campbell will help. Petkovski will be feeling much more settled and Makedonia also has been talking about buying striker Stuart Stevenson from Hellas.

Apart from having to score, however, Makedonia has the difficult task of somehow short-circuiting the free-flowing JUST playing style.

In most games this season, JUST has had a virtual monopoly on the ball and although it has not always been reflected in the results, the law of averages demands that with so much possession, JUST will win a lot more games than it loses. JUST has the skill and the fitness to make

CHARITY MATCH

THE 3EA Charity Shield match between the 1987 Italian Cup and Hellenic Cup winners will be played at Fawkner's Ground, Smith Reserve, at 8pm on Wednesday, March 30. This year, the contestants are Juventus and Oakleigh.

In the curtain-raiser at 6.30pm, Bullen meets Mordalliac. Proceeds go to the Royal Children's Hospital.

position off the ball and to inter-pass accurately for long periods.

Most teams do not have the same aptitude for that type of game. In Makedonia's case, it does more pressing and chasing to get the ball back after losing it.

But Makedonia has a good record against JUST which again will miss Oscar Crino who is on national team duty. Ken Murphy, previously in midfield, plays as sweeper now. Tyrone James, the club's 1987 best and fairest is on the bench, and the previous sweeper, Drago Dean-kovic, plays as stopper along with Gary van Egmond.

Tom Karic is in the defensive midfield position previously held by Murphy, while Milan Dimoski is up front with Warren Spink and Zdravko Lujic.

Likely teams: MAKEDONIA: Trainedos — Roudhouse, Jackson, Tasevski, Hlaski — Dimovski, Stewart, Bojovic, Petrov — Petkovski, Smith. JUST: Nikolic — Murphy — Deanovic, van Egmond — Topal, Karic, Bazdovicki, Fabrizio — Spink, Dimoski, Lujic.

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BEACH CUP QUARTER FINAL

SOUTH MELBOURNE 5 (Wright 46th, 74th Trimboli 39th, Tzolakis 54th, Postecoglou (pen) 70th) **ADELAIDE CITY 2** (Villani 19th Melta 91th)

at Olympic Park. Crowd 1900 referee Chris Bambridge
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Giatas 6 — Healy 6, Russell 7, Blair 7, Postecoglou — Foster 6 (Fernandes 82nd), Kalogeros 5, Tasios 8, Tzolakis 7 (Micheil 74th) — Wright 7, Trimboli 9, Coach Brian Garvey.
ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica 5 — Shillabeer 5, Nyskohus 6 (Northcote 62nd), Flounders 5, Sorensen 4 — Melta 6, Villani 6 (Miller 71st) Santral 5, Vidmar 5, Maxwell 5, Mullen 5. Coach Zoran Matic.
Ratings by Les Shorrock.

NSL ROUND SIX WOLLONGONG CITY 0

MARCONI 4 (Lowe 39th, Gomez 75th, Nastevski 76th, Gray 79th)

at Brandon Park, Saturday — Crowd 2176 referee R. Davies
WOLLONGONG: Young — Skeen, Vlietstra, Ratcliffe, Morlando — Cokely, Ainsworth, Stefanovski, Crainie, Cotton (Kotamanides 69th)
MARCONI: Catlin — Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Wheatly — Mason, Gomez, Gray, Katholos (Gunning 65th), — Nastevski, Lowe, Coach Berti Mariani.

BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Meredith 30th, 75th, 83rd Stewart pen 18 seconds).

SYDNEY CROATIA 0

at Richlands Sunday, Crowd 1050, referee W. Monteverde
BRISBANE LIONS: Kearton — Cummings, Liddell, Niven, Mengotti — Ogden, Stewart (Dwyer 70th), Bassingthwaite (Kerr 59th), Drury — Meredith, Wheeler, Coach Juan Cutillas.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse — Rezo (Ingham 62nd), Rozic, Ciscato, (Kero 46th) Jones — Foster, Clinch, Fitzharris, Lamond — Slater, Krslovic, Coach Vedran Rozic.

ST. GEORGE 0

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Saad pen 62nd)

at St. George Stadium, Sunday, crowd 3942, referee G. Power.
ST GEORGE: Bouhoutos — Green, O'shea, O'Connor, Grbevski — Ricoy (Pottier 85th), Moffitt (Choi 85th) Tortevski — Hagan, Fletcher, Ilic, Coach Atti Abonyi

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Barrett, Dakos, Haniotis, Phillips — Saad, Pontidas, Polak, Lee — Soper, Patalis. Coach Mick Hickman

Adcity Wrecked

BEACH CUP QUARTER-FINAL
SOUTH MELBOURNE 5 (Wright 46th & 73, Trimboli 39th, Tzolakis 55th, Postecoglou pen. 70th)
ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Villani 19th, Melta 90th)

Just how good is this South Melbourne team? or maybe that should be, just how bad is Adelaide City?

South just waltzed through this Beach Cup-tie with such insouciance that giving away a goal in the 19th minute hardly seemed to matter.

After the remarkable Paul Trimboli had jinked his way through

Man of the match:
PAUL TRIMBOLI

the defence for a remarkable equalizer, there was no question of who the ultimate winner would be.

Straight from the second half kick-off, Trimboli beat three defenders and put Danny Wright clear to put South ahead after a mere eight seconds.

SCORERS

6 Farina (Mar)
3 Easthorpe (Wol)
Egan (Juve)
Gray (Mar)
Meredith (Lions)
Murphy (Foot)
Owen (Shaw (St. G)
Palatides (Juve)
Stewart H. (Lions)
2 Alesworth (Wol)
Clark (S.G.X.)
Drury (Lions)
Hagan (St. G)
Koczka (St. G)
McLaren (S.G.X.)
Nastevski (Mar)
Pontidas (Olymp)
Saad (Olymp)
Trimboli (South)

Then Steve Tasios followed suit and opened up the defence for the diminutive Peter Tzolakis to score an absolute cracker for his new club.

Stewart Adcity defender Buggy Nyskohus limped off and the wheels really came off.

Tasios rounded Robert Zabica and was streaking for the open goal when the goal-keeper pulled him down in as blatant a foul as you could ever see, but to everyone's surprise, including Zabica's

referee Chris Bambridge waved play on. But it was a short-lived reprieve for Adcity.

Nyskohus' replacement, veteran Brian Northcote fouled Trimboli and Bambridge awarded a penalty that Angie Postecoglou slammed past Zabica to make it 4-1.

Charlie Villani went off to be replaced by Colin Miller, who went to full-back and JeSper Sorensen pushed up in

attack, but South pressed on relentlessly, and the irrepressible Trimboli made another opening for Danny Wright to score his second and the team's fifth.

Then, as the crowd was streaming from the ground, South goalie Con Giatas misjudged a cross cum shot from Sergio Melta which went into the top corner of the net for what is laughingly referred to as a consolation goal.

Croatia Boobed

BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Meredith 30th, 75th, 7 83rd, R. Stewart, pen. 18th sec)
SYDNEY CROATIA 0

Man of the match:
NICK MEREDITH

A bad miscalculation by Sydney Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic led to this boil-over result.

With three players on International duty in Melbourne, Croatia was entitled to a postponement, but Rozic elected to go Brisbane with a weakened team, and paid the penalty.

Brisbane referee Bill Monteverde awarded Lions a penalty after only 18 seconds, Russell Stewart con-

verted, and Lions, after failing to win any of its previous four games, was off to a dream start.

Then in stepped 19 year-old Nick Meredith for his first senior game as a striker.

He had the debut that dreams are made of, with a hat-trick, with his last two goals obsolete gems of ball-control.

You CAN swear at refs

But not in English please!

• From Page 1

GOOD news for players unable to contain their frustration at the standard of refereeing in Victoria. You now can swear at referees — and that's official!

I'm not kidding. You can now swear at referees in any language other than English.

That was made clear at a seminar last week at Soccer House attended by seven State League coaches and hosted by Murray Jesson, the new referee's troubleshooter.

Apparently Jesson told the coaches that FIFA had decreed that Australia was an English speaking country and that swearing at refs in English is a definite no-no.

But it's OK to swear at referees in Greek, Italian, Serbo-Croat, Gaelic, Turkish...

I also hear that Jesson felt that some sections of the media were out to hang referees — by their necks.

A former Soccerroo great and current State League coach asked Jesson if the media had been invited to the seminar and was astounded to receive a reply in the negative.

If there's one thing that's bound to get some journalists' backs up it's making rash generalisations about the soccer media and criticising the press without giving the journo's a chance to defend themselves.

Hang on a minute. We've been doing that to players and coaches for years. And to refs.

Maybe it's time we simply copped it in the eye, so to speak.

Keep punching, Murray...

★★★

AUSTRALIA hasn't exactly distinguished itself on the diplomatic front with its treatment of the visiting Taiwan national team.

The Taiwanese were enjoying the comfort of The President Motor Inn in Melbourne last week when up popped the idea of going to watch a movie in the city.

I understand that former Frankston Pines president and current Morwell Falcons delegate Alan Stirling is the liaison officer for Taiwan and phoned the VSF to arrange for a



By
Craig MacKenzie

bus to pick up the players and officials.

He was told to take them into the city in a tram instead, keep the tickets and send them into the VSF for re-imbursement.

Mind you, Victor has been known to brag about those 'famous' Melbourne trams...

★★★

WHILE Footscray JUST dilly-dallied, Heidelberg acted.

The end result? Little Louie Theodosopoulos' transfer from Caulfield has gone through and he's keen to re-establish himself in State League ranks.

The former Melbourne player last week signed a two-year contract with Heidelberg after scoring twice in a practice match against Northcote two weeks ago.

Theodosopoulos is sharp and skilful and is knocking down to the task of making a go of State League soccer.

His brother Costa, the ex-Melbourne and Green Gully midfielder, looks to have turned his back on a soccer career and is enjoying spectacular success as a male model.

He's working in Spain right now after his first tilt at film acting.

Costa made a movie in Manila last year. It's called 'Hostage Syndrome' and should be released soon.

He plays the part of a Russian 'heavy' in the movie so watch out for it.

★★★

ONE of the most highly respected players and managers in Irish football wants to come to Australia, preferably to embark upon a player-coach career.

Even if your club only is interested in bringing Noel King out as a player, you'll be well rewarded indeed.

King, 32, has won every honor on offer in Irish football and has played for Home Farm, Bohemians, Dundalk, Shamrock Rovers, Valentines and Derry City.

King has represented Ireland at schoolboy, youth, amateur, professional and Olympic levels and has played against opposition of the calibre of England, West Germany, Holland, Italy and Spain.

At club level, King has figured in 12 European ties against sides such as Liverpool, Lens and Hajduk Split.

He has a list of qualifications as long as an arm. He's an Irish FA staff coach, he has his senior English FA badge, passed his Scottish FA management course with flying colors and has had five years experience in coaching with Shamrock Rovers and Derry City.

King can be contacted by phoning Dublin 47-3051. His address is: 33 Clonsbaugh Meadows, Coolock, Dublin 17, Ireland.

I'll let you know in next week's column about another top-flight Irish star keen to come to Australia.

within a foot of the touchline, because the running track was being used by athletes warming up for the events on Park No. 1.

"During the Reserves game, a player chasing a ball ran off the pitch and collided with a wheel-chair."

"No, I'm not joking, there were paraplegics warming up there too. I've been in the game for a very long time, but that was a first."

"And it didn't end there. After the game, Hughie McCann our physio, treated seven players, some of them from Caulfield, for some of the nastiest injuries I have ever seen, all of them burns."

"One player, Caulfield's John Bitsonis had burns to his thigh, knees and elbow and said that if his club wanted to play at No. 2 again, they could do without him."

"The Victorian Director of Coaching for referees, has asked all of us coaches to submit a written report to me after each game and I'm looking round for a piece of asbestos to write my report of this game."

"He was at the game and I understand that he was very unhappy that the referee allowed it to go ahead, because the pitch was incorrectly marked."

"I think in fairness to both sides, the game should be declared null and void and replayed... on grass, the way it always supposed to be played."

"After that experience I now know why there was such an outcry over the pitches at Luton, Queens Park Rangers and the others that the Football League cried enough and barred any more being laid down for the next three years."

"I believe that Queens Park Rangers has decided to rip up its synthetic pitch, and that others might follow," add McLeod.



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LEAGUE TABLE AS AT SATURDAY

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Box Hill	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Northcote City	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Heidelberg Utd.	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Green Gully	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
St Albans	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Croydon City	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Thomastown	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
Springvale City	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
Caulfield City	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
Bulleen	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
Oakleigh	1	1	0	0	1	2	0
Ringwood City	1	1	0	0	1	2	0
Fawkner	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Morwell Falcons	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Western Sub.	1	1	0	0	1	3	0
Maribyrnong	1	1	0	0	1	2	0

Reserves

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ringwood City	1	1	0	0	9	3	2
Caulfield City	1	1	0	0	7	1	2
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
Green Gully	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Fawkner	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Morwell Falcons	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Thomastown	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Northcote City	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Maribyrnong	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Bulleen	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Croydon City	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
St Albans	1	1	0	0	1	4	0
Oakleigh	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Heidelberg Utd.	1	1	0	0	1	3	0
Springvale City	1	1	0	0	1	7	0
Western Sub.	1	1	0	0	1	0	0

MORWELL FALCONS 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (G. Runje)

Morwell Falcons and Croydon City Two clubs that will have a big say in this season's State League championship fought out a tough encounter that was in the balance until the closing minutes.

The big crowd at North Crinigan Reserve was kept on its toes as both sides went hammer and tongs in a game that was more like a Cup-tie than a League match. Falcons' coach Bob McLachlan lined up with five of the back, but encouraged his full back to attack.

And one of them, Harry Bingham almost opened the scoring, but his goalbound shot was headed off the time by Jim Campbell.

Then after Jeff Doyle had shot wide, striker Stan Webster muffed an easy chance from close range.

Falcons' hearts sank when Croydon was awarded a penalty in the 75th minute, but keeper Dave Reynolds dived correctly and saved Gordon Flavell's attempt.

Flavell reckons that his ex-Polonia teammate signalled to Reynolds to dive to his right.

Then in the 86th minute, two of Croydon's new recruits combined to produce a peach of a goal to win the game.

Andy Humble crossed perfectly and Goran Runje was on hand to smack the ball past Reynolds.

BOX HILL

BOX HILL 3 (Arites, Davidson, Burton) WESTERN SUBS 1 (Roumpos)

Box Hill's win, which took it to the top of the League was not as clear-cut as the score might suggest.

Newcomer Mark Arites from Nunawading opened the scoring with a strong drive in the eighth minute out Wests, struck back in the 32nd minutethrough Peter Roumpos.

Then it was only even until Wests collapsed in the last minutes.

Craig Davidson, the best on the ground, headed in a Steve Brimmer corner, and Barry Burton completed the scoring three minutes late.

But Wests will improve with the arrival of John Metaxes from Juventus, and a striker, Danny Williams from English club Preston North end.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Kremers, O'Donnell) OAKLEIGH 1 (Fotis)

GREEN Gully came out with the points from its first up game at home to Oakleigh but

STATE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

By Gary Cutler

should have won by a much bigger margin. Oakleigh was a mere shadow of the side they performed well in the State league last year.

Gully started the game as if on fire, and four corners in the first ten minutes had the Oakleigh defender under pressure from the start.

Steve Douglas swung a corner in from the right which Spiros Kardamitis completely misjudged only to be saved by Laletison the line.

Just when it seemed Oakleigh had weathered the early storm and was beginning to play better soccer tragedy struck, a harmless cross from Douglas headed straight for Kardamitis but the keeper took his eye off the ball and it popped out of his hands into an empty net from four yards.

Gully got on top again and seven minutes later went further ahead when Joe O'Donnell pounced on a loose ball to hammer home a right foot shot that went in off the post.

With the game seeming all over except for how many goals Gully would score Oakleigh found a new lease of life at the start of the second half.

5 (Stojcevski 20th 6), Warszawski 8, Latic 6. Coach Jim McIntyre. NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia 7 — Leonardos 6, J. Constantinou 6, Ramos 7, Kouremenos 6 — Palmaricciotti 8, Bekiaris 6, N. Constantinou 6, Thodis 7 — Temos 7, Tsangos 6 (P. Constantinou 46th). Coach Roy McLaren. Best Player Award: Warszawski (M), Palmaricciotti (NC) 2, Turudia (NC) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (G. Runje) At N. Crinigan Reserve. Referee M. Kondogiannis. Cautions Webster, Doyle (M.F.). MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds 8 — Bingham 6, McMillan 6, Bennett 6, Bruns 6, Jeff Doyle 6 — Drakeford 6 (Cassar 75th), O'Callaghan 7, Webster 6 — Stinton 6, Sokoluk 7. Coach Bob McLachlan. CROYDON CITY: M. Runje 8 — Redmond 6 — Langsbury 6, McIntosh 8, O'Reilly 6, Brown 7 — Flavell 6, Campbell 7, G. Runje 7 — Humble 7, French 5 (van Edmond 83rd). Coach Miron Bleiberg. Best Player Award: Reynolds (M.F.) 3, McIntosh (Cr) 2, M. Runje (Cr) 1.

GREEN GULLY 3 (Kremers, O'Donnell) OAKLEIGH 1. At Green Gully Reserve. Referee R. Simonis. GREEN GULLY: Sant 7 — Napoli 6, Cannell 6, Grimaud 7, Douglas 7 — McClelland 7, Quigley 6, Wilson 8, Smart 5 (Farquarson 76th) — Kremers 6, O'Donnell 7. Coach W. Vassallo. OAKLEIGH: Kardamitis 5 — Laletis 6, Haidaris 7 (Theodoropoulos 75th), Gigik 6, Vardaxis 5 — Nicolaidis 6, Ross 5, Gourlias 5, Groutsamer 5 (Stamatidis 46th) — Livingstone 6, Andriotis 6, (Fotis) Coach Takis Sviggos. Best Player Award: Wilson 3, Douglas 2, McClelland 1 (G.G.).

BOX HILL 3 (Arites 12th, Davidson 82nd, Burton 86th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Roumpos 32nd) At Wembley Park. Referee D. Voutsinas. BOX HILL: McKinlay 6 — McDaid 6, McMorrow 6, Davidson 9, M. Mori 6 — Roodhouse 7, Burton 8, Brimmer 6, McAleer 6 — McBride 6, Arites 6. (Mazzagetti 81st) Coach John Brown. WESTERN SUBURBS: Hatzilazarou 6 — Stefanidis 6, Kountouri 6, Eposito 6, Kagioglou 5 — Dimovski 7, Kopsaftis 5, Hamill 8, Vo 6 — Tuck 7, Roumpos 7. Coach Jim Condilis. Best Player of the Year Award: Davidson (B.H.) 3, Burton (B.H.) 2, Hamill (W.S.) 1.

STATE LEAGUE — Round 2. SATURDAY MARCH 12th, 1988: Oakleigh v. Heidelberg United; St. Albans v. Green Gully. SUNDAY MARCH 13th 1988: Fawkner v. Springvale City; Western Suburbs v. Morwell Falcons; Croydon City v. Bulleen; Thomastown v. Caulfield City; Ringwood City v. Maribyrnong; Northcote City v. Box Hill.

PACIFIC TIMBER STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

CAULFIELD CITY 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 0 At Olympic Park No.2, Referee B. Upjohn. Cautions: Deligiannis (Caul.). CAULFIELD: Koletsas 6 — Bitsonis 7 (Zemunik 60th), Harris 7, Fatore 6, Filipou 6 — Theoharous 5, Deligiannis 6, Griffin 5 — Abraam 5, Cozzella 7, Agiozidis 5 (Sahinidis 75). Coach Rocco Ille. SPRINGVALE: Boland 8 — Rau 7, Adams 7, Bissinger 6, White 5 — Bozic 5 (Bryden 75th) Black 5, Findlay 6 (Kelly 80th) — Hennessy 7, Morrey 7, Kraal 5, Coach Gus MacLeod. Best player award Boland (SV) 3, Bitsonis (C) 2, Harris 1 (C).

BULLEEN 0 THOMASTOWN 0 At Veneto Social Club. Referee J. Fearn sent off Di Martino (TH) caution Arcoraci (TH). BULLEEN: Contini 6 — Ruccia 6, Boia 6, Romano 6, Curilli 6 — Curcio 7 (Keenan 81st), Angele 6, Trogliric 7, Bozikis 6, — Boarotto 6, D'Amico 7. Coach Jimmy Rooney. THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7 — Mihalidis 7, Arcoraci 6, Pianalto 8 — Higgins 8, McMillan 6 (di Martino 60th), Lewis 6, Dougherty 6, Ragusa 6 — Athersych 7, McGuinness 6. Coach Bill Murray. Best player award: Higgins (TH) 3, Curcio (B) 2, D'Amico (B) 1.

HEIDELBERG 2 (Nelson o.g., Morovic) RINGWOOD CITY 1 (Nelson). At Olympic Village, referee Peter Mateski. HEIDELBERG: Banovic 9 — Fraser 8, Patiniotis 7, Outsakis 6, Kanesoulis 7 — Anastasiadis 6, Lucchesi 7, Valentine 7, Pappas 6 — Morovic 7, Theodoropoulos 6. Coach Terry Hennessy. RINGWOOD CITY: Janssen 7 — Corvan 7 — Cumming 8, Meyer 8 — May 7, Hughes 7, Nelson 7, Verniers 7 — Nijholt 7, Middlemast 7, Davie 7. Coach Rob Nelson. Best Player Award: Banovic (H) 3, Cumming (R) 2, Fraser (H) 1.

FAWKNER 0 ST ALBANS 1 (Kelic) At Smith St. Reserve. Referee S. Zoumas. Sent off G. Stenson. FAWKNER: Terzini 6 — Walsh 7, Hennessy 6, Thurlow 6, Henderson 6 — Sabbatina 6, Praikovski 6, Stenson (sent off 34th), Cullen 7 — Brown 6, Storm 6. Coach Frank McAleer. ST ALBANS: Grgic 6 — Dragovic 6, Kuzman 7, Colina 6, Jurcic 6 — Duzel 9, Cullina 7, Rastocic 6, Gagulic 6 — Popovski 5, Kelic 6 (Matasevic 83rd). Coach Tony Vrzina. Best Player Award: Duzel (StA) 3, Kuzman (StA) 2, Cullen (F) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Temos N. Constantinou) At Raleigh Reserve. Referee J. Santa Isabel. MARIBYRNONG: Kostsrewa 6 — Lipiarski 6, Smolarek 5, Farrugia 6, Chetcuti 7 — Baran 6, Czapnik 6, Watson 5 (Przybyla 75th), Ognenovski

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● Dennis Morovic who scored for his new club Heidelberg United on Saturday. Picture by Ian Currie

Stamatidis had replaced Groutsamer at the break and he got his side back into the game 12 minutes into the second half.

Gully was bogged down on the right of the defence and when Nikolaidis crossed Stamatidis stooped to head past the unsighted keeper.

Oakleigh looked dangerous for the next ten minutes but Gully soon regained control and went on to create a string of chances but failed to add to the score.

Douglas hit the bar. Kremers headed over twice from close range and then had a point blank shot blocked. Oakleigh will need to add to the squad if they are to be a force whilst all Gully needs to do is to put away the chances it is creating.

FAWKNER 0 ST. ALBANS 1 (Kelic)

ST ALBANS which has lost several star players from last season got away to a flying start with a 1-0 away win at Fawkner.

St Albans is having to rely on youngsters but was still the better side and fully deserved the victory.

This gave St Albans the lift it needed and it took control against the ten men.

In the opening minute of the second half Ivan Duzel turned on a bit of magic to beat two defenders on the byline. He waited for Thurlia to commit himself then chipped to the unmarked Kelic who headed in from close range.

St Albans was still having the best of things although Fawkner looked as if it could be dangerous on the break.

Doug Brown found space in the box to get on the end of a perfect cross from Robbie Cullen.

Brown's header beat Grgic but to the dismay of the Fawkner players referee Zoumas awarded a free kick for offside against Brown.

Kees Storm had a header cleared off the line in the dying seconds of the game but on the whole St Albans was well worth the two points and Fawkner will have to wait to play a game with 11 men before it can show its best.

HEIDELBERG 2 (Nelson, o.g. Morovic) RINGWOOD CITY 1 (Nelson)

HEIDELBERG Utd. relegated from the National League at the end of last season made an unconvincing start to the season with a 2-1 win at home to Ringwood City.

The Bergers played well in patches during the first half but failed to turn their territorial advantage into clear chances.

But the second half provided much more goalmouth action with Heidelberg seeming to step up a gear and it took the lead in the 60th minute when a John Anastasiadis shot hit player coach Rob Nelson and cannoned into his own goal to give the Bergers the break that had so far eluded it.

It looked as if Heidelberg would then go right on with the job and run away with the game, but instead it stopped and allowed Nelson to reorganise his troops and begin to get back into the game.

For the next 20 minutes Ringwood was on top and it got its just reward when Nelson found space in the box to shoot past Yaka Banovic and give them what looked to be a

straight down the ground for Temos to score a soft goal.

The usually ever so reliable Barney Kostsrewa appeared unsighted and Temos' shot flew it into the net before he could move.

As Maribyrnong missed chance after chance, frustration set in. Latic was the main culprit and he squandered several chances set up by Greg Warszawski who was the best man on the ground.

Northcote administered the coup de grace 17 minutes from the end when the Maribyrnong defence found itself completely disorganised.

Nick Constantinou was allowed a free header after a free kick and easily beat Kostsrewa from close range.

Maribyrnong will be making an approach this week to George Cross for Kevin Innes and his team mate Jeff Faulkner.

The experienced Faulkner is finding NSL training too much owing to work commitments.

MARIBYRNONG 0 NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Temos, N. Constantinou)

NORTHCOTE started off the season with a 2-0 win over a pale shadow of last year's champion, Maribyrnong.

But Maribyrnong had only itself to blame, as it squandered chances like a drunken sailor.

It should have taken the lead for instance in the 10th minute when Brendan Latic was felled by goalkeeper Mark Turudia, but Janos Baran missed the resulting penalty.

Northcote capitalised on its escape, going

BULLEEN 0 THOMASTOWN 0

SATURDAY'S Italian derby between Bulleen and Thomastown failed to live up to the expectations of the large crowd and petered out to a 0-0 draw.

Bulleen, the newly-promoted team, were unable to field new signing Rob Krajacic due to a minor injury, yet took the field with a strong team with a few new faces from that of last year's team.

Thomastown was fielding two overseas signings in Paul Lewis from Birmingham City and Norm Dougherty from Mansfield Town.

Bulleen started strongly, and in the 5th minute Bulleen was denied a goal when Joe D'Amico hit the post after receiving a neat cross by Laurie Boarotto.

Thomastown hit back and also was unlucky not to score in the 11th minute when Andy Higgins headed onto the post from a cross by Arcoraci. Higgins played well all day and was a solid player for the whole game.

Thomastown came close in the 20th minute when Bobby McGuinness missed a chance to lob the ball over oncoming Bulleen goalkeeper, Alan Contini.

Bulleen should have scored in the 25th minute when Andy Bozikas failed to score what seemingly appeared to be an open goal when he hit the ball over the crossbar from only a matter of yards out.

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Winners Harry Armstrong Cup	1971
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Finalists Ampol Cup	1973
Finalists Dockerty Cup	1978

RINGWOOD City Wilhelmina Soccer Club was founded in 1953 by John van Hoboken.

In the last decade Wilhelmina was never able to show its real potential, was never the force of the sixties. However, this changed some three years ago with the election of the present committee and the club's incorporation.

After a few lean years the club was relegated to the first division in 1986. With that relegation the rebuilding of Ringwood City started and is still in progress.

This rebuilding began early last year with the recruitment of new players Andy Hughes, Brian Keenan and Chris Middlemast, and after an excellent season Wilhelmina re-entered the State League again.

A very difficult year lies ahead and of all State League clubs, six clubs are to be relegated to the first division of the Victorian League. In the pre-season comments by the press Wilhelmina should be one of them!

But let me warn you! Ringwood City Wilhelmina is still building and although we might not yet have a championship team, we have a team well enough to preserve our just won status in the State League. And we will be there in 1989!

Wellknown Robbie Nelson is our playing-coach, and is building up our team. We lost the talented Brian Keenan, but we still enjoy the company of Andy and Chris, and Stuart Thomson. New players from overseas have joined us to make sure Wilhelmina is a team to be reckoned with.



RINGWOOD CITY 1988:

● Back Row (left to right): Paul May, Craig Whitehouse, John Cummings, Rick Janssen, Gary Bates, Chris Middlemast, Colin Wemyss, John Corvan.
Front Row: Andy Hughes, Stuart Thomson, Rob Nelson, John Davie, John Nijholt.

John Corvan hails from Ireland, played for Newry Town, a wealth of experience in midfield and done of the best we could get.

Paul May comes from the UK, played for Tottenham, also played for the South Midlands Representative Side. Paul is a sweeper, but versatile.

John Davie, just arrived last week, also comes from the UK. He was on the books of Aylesbury United for the last three years. His

sharpness in front of goal has been a byword in Southern League (UK) circles. Now in his early 30s, he is still superbly fit and an asset to our first team.

Together with our regulars from last season, I can honestly say Ringwood City Wilhelmina has a very strong team with an excellent chance of finishing in the top half of the State League Ladder by the end of the competition.

— HANS LECHNER

WE'LL BE THERE IN '89

RICK JANSSEN, GOALKEEPER. Previous club, Frankston Pines. Ricky played with me at Frankston Pines and I was delighted to find him at Ringwood. He's big and strong and an excellent kick. His reflexes are excellent and I look for him to become one of the best keepers in the state league by the season's end.

COLIN BLACKLEY, GOALKEEPER. Visa player from Scotland. Gets his first team chance v. Polonia this week when Rick Janssen gets married. Good all round keeper.

PAUL MAY, RIGHT BACK. Newly arrived from UK. Previous club Tottenham. Paul is only 24 years old and has improved with every game he has played. Excellent going forward and a sure tackler who'll be a great asset for us.

RON VERNIERS, LEFT BACK OR MIDFIELD. A life long Wilhelmina player Ron has been a great clubman and player for as long as I can remember. At the moment it's unsure if Ron will be available for the complete season due to family

and work commitments but I sincerely hope I will be able to call on his experience and personality all season. Club captain.

COLIN WEMYSS, DEFENDER. Club junior. Colin will be an excellent player for us this year when he recovers from a jiggling hamstring injury. Very strong and fast.

HANS MEYER, DEFENDER. Club junior. Hans is big and strong and dogged in his pursuit. Extremely good in the air. Very solid in the centre of the defence.

GARRY BATES, DEFENDER. Previous club Croydon City. Garry is very powerful and is very difficult to stop on his forays up the park. Excellent tplayer to have on your side.

GRAHAM HAUT, SWEEPER OR FULL BACK. Previous club Croydon City. Last season's regular sweeper, Graham is just coming back from an ankle injury but will, I'm sure, play often for us this season.

CRAIG WHITEHOUSE, DEFENDER. Club junior. Big, strong boy who's only 17 years old.

Victorian Junior Representative who I'll have no hesitation in using in defence.
JOHN CORVAN, MIDFIELDER OR SWEEPER. Just emigrated from Ireland where he played for Newry Town. John is a key man for us with his skill and vision. Strikes the ball beautifully with his left foot. His long passing will be one of our major weapons.

JOHN CUMMING, DEFENDER. Ex South Oakleigh and Frankston Pines. John was one of my priority signings. Can (and has) played everywhere well. Played about 6 or 7 positions when I played with him at Frankston. Unspectacular but very solid. Very strong in the air.

ANDY HUGHES, MIDFIELDER. Ex Box Hill. Andy comes from my home town in Scotland, Johnstone. That alone will mean he plays regularly. Seriously, a hard grafting midfielder who scored regularly for Box Hill and gives us a lot of drive in midfield.

STUART THOMSON, MIDFIELDER OR FORWARD. Ex Notts County and Bellshill in the Scottish Junior League. Stuart is a player who could become one of the most exciting players in this league. Very fast and tricky with an explosive shot. Scored 12 goals in Division 1 last year.

CHRIS MIDDLEMAST, FORWARD. Ex Doveton, Doncaster and Nunawading Hellas. Chris is a very hard working striker who sometimes is under appreciated by supporters. I've always rated him and have 6 or 7 other coaches who would buy him from us tomorrow. Good in the air. I look for major goals from his partnership with John Davie.

JOHN DAVIE, FORWARD. Just arrived from Aylesbury United in the Bealey Homes League. Their top goalscorer the last 2 years. John has really impressed me as a top all round striker.

JOHN NIJHOLT, FORWARD. Ex Nunawading junior. Johnny has really come on this year already and is not as erratic as in the past. If he continues to improve will take the State League by storm with his skill, vision and 'nutmegs' not to mention his rocket shot.



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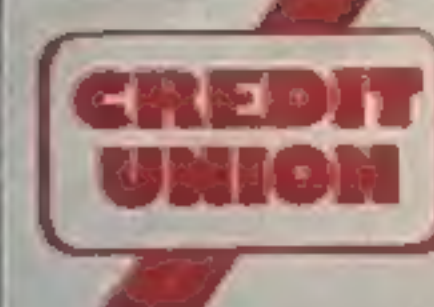
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● Fred de Jong.

TOP RIGHT

- New Zealand's Fred de Jong is watched closely by Chinese Taipei's Chin-Hong Lin.

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- New Zealand's Rick Herbert leaps high to head as Fred de Jong and the Chinese Taipei watch anxiously.



● South's Paul Foster finds Aurelio Vidmar's tackle a little unorthodox in the Beach Cup clash last Saturday.



● A desperate moment for Israel as goalkeeper Ben-Zion Ginzburg punches the ball off Frank Farina's toe.



● Beach Cup action as for once Adcity's Steve Maxwell beats South's Steve Blair to a header.



● Chinese Taipei goalkeeper Kuo-Feng Huang dives bravely in front of New Zealand's Colin Walker to punch clear.

KOZZIE'S MY MAN



• John Kosmina...where would the Socceroos be without him?

THERE were those who picked out Jeff Oliver as the star of Australia's 2-0 win over Israel at Olympic Park on Sunday and it's true the goalkeeper's lightning reflexes rescued the Socceroos on more than one occasion.

Others went for Mike Petersen, who may look as if he has hinges instead of knee and ankle joints but can still produce the silkiest of skills in pressure situations.

Or Paul Wade whose work rate belies the fact that he has only two lungs like anyone else.

While it was impossible to find a failure in the Australian team, the man who stood out head and shoulders above the rest was John Kosmina.

At least as far as I am concerned. It was just about impossible to say anything new about this 31-year-old striker who quit the international scene a year ago but was persuaded to return by Frank Arok.

Arok describes Kosmina as "still the best target man in the country" and it is impossible to disagree.

He is an unusual, if not unique, combination of strength, bravery, fitness, skill, determination and vision.

He never hesitates to let his opponents know he is around and he is willing to take all the knocks associated with "going in where it hurts".

He has scored more international goals than any other Australian quite simply because he is the best striker we have had on the home front over the years after our brave showing in the 1974 World Cup.

Of course there is David Mitchell doing it with Feyenoord in Holland, Jim Patikas with AEK in Greece and Eddie Krncevic with Anderlecht. Perhaps they would have — and still may — equal Kosmina's feats.

By
BOB BRIAN



It's the fuel which sparks off many an outstanding performance. Kosmina may not be the game's most popular player, but he is certainly one of its most effective.

Personally I am pleased he decided to return to Arok's Socceroos for the Olympic Games qualifying and, hopefully the Games proper in Seoul.

I am delighted he is playing so well. Australia has a much better chance of winning games when he is throwing his weight about the penalty area challenging opponents to mix it if they dare.

And I hope fervently that he can keep it up at least until Seoul.

Australia with John Kosmina is so much more dangerous than it is without him.

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ROUND NINETEEN (Sat. 6th August 1988)
Altona United v. Bye
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Mitcham United v. Bye
Lyndale United v. Kew Eagles

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Fitzroy City v. Lyndale United
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Debnay Park v. Riversdale
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West United v. Altona United

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Brandon Park v. West United

'GONG LAID LOWE

League leader Wollongong's bubble burst with a vengeance on Saturday when it was trounced 4-0 by Marconi.

What made the home defeat even more of a bitter pill to swallow for coach John Fleming was the fact that Marconi had three players. Frank Farina, Fred de Jong and Tommy McCulloch away on international duty.

No wonder Marconi coach Berti Mariani, bubbling over the game said that his three stars would find it hard to force their way back into the team.

Wollongong coach John Fleming has his problems, but they are of a different kind.

He saw striker Robert Giraldo, who has come to the fore since the departure of Scottish star Alan Brazil carried off with a suspected broken ankle.

Marconi's star was David Lowe, back after a serious hip injury, who grabbed with both hands the opportunity presented by the absence of de Jong and Farina.

He opened the scoring in the 39th minute and after that he led the 'Gong defence a merry dance and had a hand in the next three goals.

Wollongong was losing 3-0 when Giraldo was carried off, so his injury hardly affected the result, but it leaves Fleming with a king-sized headache, because

NSL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	6	4	0	2	16	8	8
Sydney Olympic	6	3	2	1	7	2	8
Wollongong	6	3	2	1	10	8	8
Sydney Croatia	6	4	0	2	8	9	8
South Mait	5	1	4	0	5	2	6
Melb. Croatia	5	2	2	1	6	7	6
Brisbane Lions	5	2	1	3	11	10	5
N. Juventus	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
George Cross	5	2	1	2	7	12	5
St. George	5	2	0	4	11	9	4
Footscray	5	1	2	2	5	5	4
APIA Leich	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Preston Mait	5	0	3	2	0	3	3
Adelaide City	5	0	2	2	2	10	2

Man of the match:
DAVID LOWE

Roy Cotton flopped badly on his NSL return.

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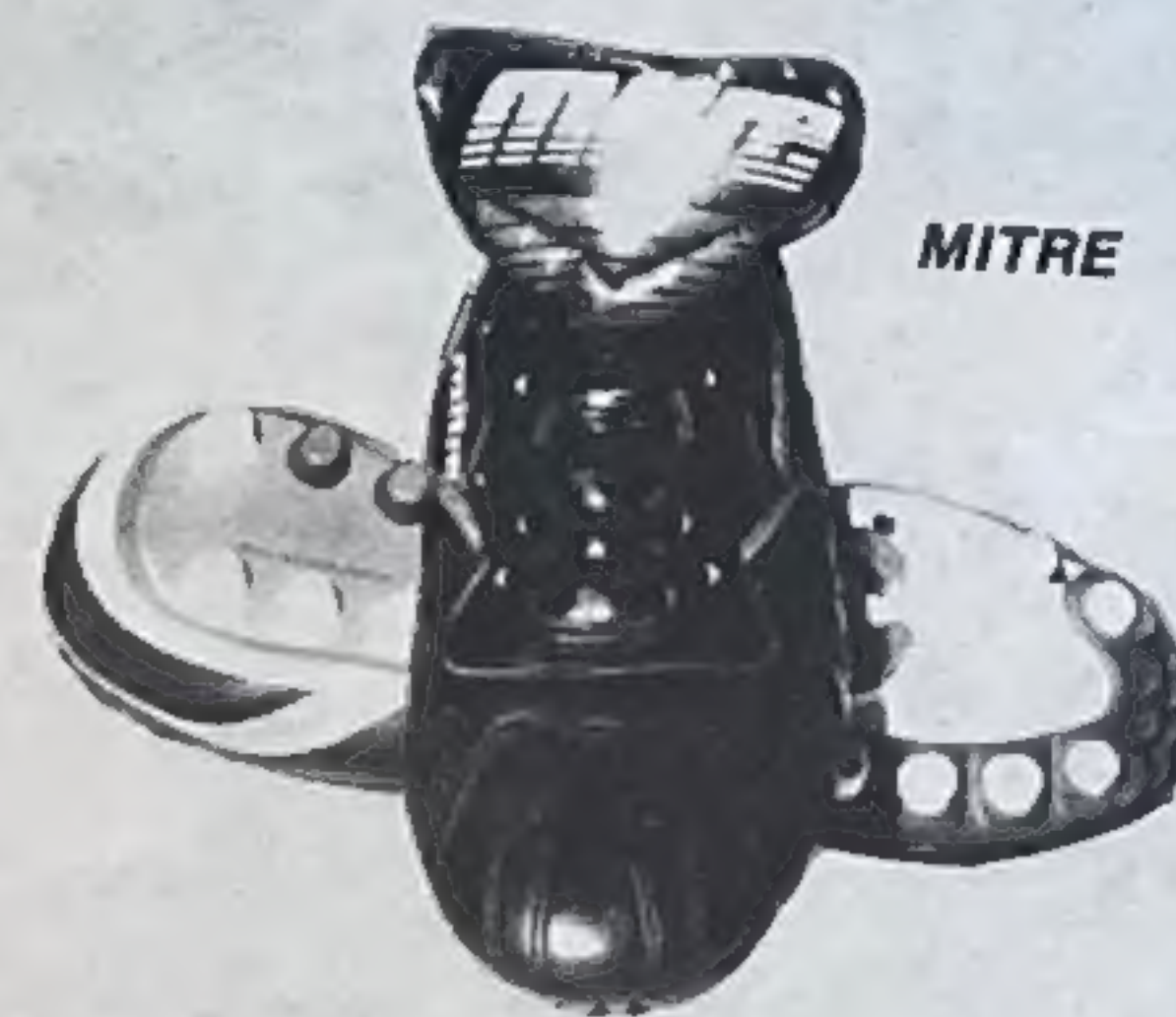
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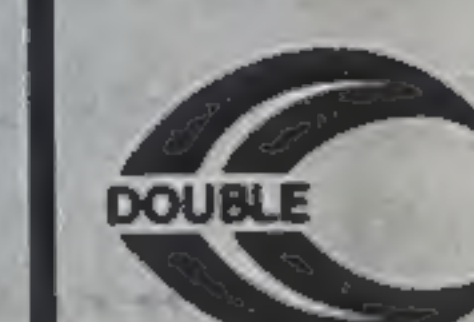


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NORTHERN IRELAND

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WELSH

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Kosmina run and an inch-perfect Petersen pass cut a swathe through the Israeli defence in the 81st minute. Kosmina confronted Ginsburg and tried to curl the ball inside the far post but sent it just wide.

Savior should have cleared two minutes later. He didn't and Australia almost paid dearly.

Rosental cut inside from the left and drove the ball across the face of goal. Eliezer Driks hit it first time but Olver got down well to hold safely.

In the 85th minute Wade lobbed the ball over the square Israeli defence but Ginsburg got to it first time but Olver got down well to hold safely.

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A minute later Charlie Yankos unleashed as fine a free kick as you're likely to see. From 30 metres out he took on Ginsburg and would have beaten the Israeli goalie if not for the crossbar.

Daniel Brialovsky had Israel's last chance to salvage a point. In the 89th minute he got clear on the right but his shot wide of both Olver and the far post.

Then came Farina's magical moment. Wade crossed from the right. Farina brought the ball down, knocked it past the last defender and was confronted by the advancing Ginsburg.

Farina kept his cool and slotted the ball in-between Ginsburg and the near post to complete the scoreline in what was an outstanding display by Australia.

Dennis Boland

KIWIS WIN

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Chin-Chung Miao came on he provided a spark up front

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BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS V APIA LEICHHARDT

SATURDAY MARCH 12
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K.O. 5 pm



● Laurie McKenna



● Mike McLennan

PRESTON MAKEDONIA V FOOTSCRAY

SUNDAY MARCH 13
at CONNOR RESERVE
K.O. 6 pm



● Zdravko Lujic



● Bobby Russell

SOUTH MELBOURNE V SUNSHINE

SUNDAY MARCH 13
MIDDLE PARK
K.O. 6 pm



● Don MacLaren

ADELAIDE CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SUNDAY MARCH 13
OLYMPIC SPORTSFIELD K.O. 4 pm